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SENATE BILL 1597 By Graves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The title of this act is, and may be cited as, the "Intercollegiate Athletic Fair Play Act of 2003".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2132(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) Within twenty-four (24) hours after entering into an agency contract or before the next scheduled athletic event in which the student athlete may participate, whichever occurs first, the athlete agent shall give written notice of the existence of the contract, including, but not limited to, a copy of the agency contract, to the athletic director of the educational institution at which the student athlete is enrolled or the athlete agent has reasonable grounds to believe the student athlete intends to enroll. Such notice shall be hand-delivered or mailed, by an overnight delivery service, to the athletic director or such director's designee. If the educational institution does not have an athletic director, such notice shall be given to the president of the educational institution.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2132(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "shall be provided to" and by substituting instead the following:

shall be hand-delivered or mailed, by an overnight delivery service, to

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2132(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2132, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) Within twenty-four (24) hours after entering into an agency contract or before the next athletic event in which the student athlete may participate, whichever occurs first, the student athlete shall give written notice to the athletic director, or such director's designee, or the president of the educational institution at which the student athlete is enrolled that the student athlete has entered into an agency contract. Such notice shall be hand-delivered or mailed, by an overnight delivery service, to the appropriate individual.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2132, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(d) For the purpose of delivery of notice required pursuant to the provisions of this section, the athletic director of an educational institution may designate an employee of the educational institution to receive any and all such notices.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

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